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SUBJECT Enlarging the Intelligence Network

JACK ANDERSON: Intelligence analysts have been caught flatfooted by recent world events. Now they are using spies outside the government.

Here is the inside story. Our intelligence network has been caught flatfooted by recent world events. Among these have been the fall of the Shah of Iran and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Well, now I have learned that our spies have decided to enlarge their intelligence network. My sources tell me that the CIA and other intelligence offices are recruiting dozens of additional agents through the use of private companies with offices in key locations abroad.

Foreign banks, one in Australia and one in Hong Kong have cooperated to monitor trade with the Soviet Union and other communist bloc countries. Other companies are being used to watch the spread of terrorist organizations funded by Cuba and Libya.

In some cases former Green Berets and ex-spies have been given key positions in the company.

Private enterprises have been used for spying for years but my sources say they are now being used more than ever.

My sources tell me the intelligence community is concentrating this effort on banks around the world. The reason: analysts have found banks to be the most effective because of their daily contacts with various governments. They also have

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